

April 1, 2008

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Charlie McClendon, Avondale, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, April 9, 2008- 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. For those using transit, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
April 9, 2008**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

3. Information.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of March 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the March 14, 2008 meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS***5B. Consultant Selection for the MAG External Travel Study**

In May 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, which included \$300,000 to conduct a MAG region external travel study. The project will update data gathered in a similar study performed in 1999. A concurrent and complementary study will be performed by the Pima Association of Governments and the results shared by the two agencies. On January 11, 2008, MAG issued a Request for Proposals to conduct the study. In response, two proposals were received. A multi-agency review team met on March 11, 2008, and recommended to MAG the selection of Alliance Transportation Group to conduct the survey. In addition, the team recommended that if negotiations with Alliance are not successful, that MAG pursue negotiations with its second choice, Wilbur Smith Associates. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***5C. Project Changes: Amendments, and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program**

The FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 TIP are listed in Table A. The amendments include adding the noise reduction study at ADOT, repackaging of two City of Tempe projects into one, and adding six Transportation Enhancement Projects that were approved by the ADOT Board in November 2007. An administrative modification does not require a conformity determination. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of these project changes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Recommend that Alliance Transportation Group be selected to conduct the MAG External Travel Study for an amount not to exceed \$300,000. If negotiations with Alliance Transportation Group are not successful, that MAG negotiate with its second choice, Wilbur Smith Associates, to conduct the Study.

5C. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, as shown in the attached table.

*5D. ADOT Red Letter Process

In June 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the ADOT Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications from July 1, 2007, to December 31, 2007. Upon request any of the notices can be removed from the consent agenda and returned for action at a future meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. ADOT Requested Change to Statewide Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) Projects

ADOT has requested that a small change in the funding from the State Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) account that was approved by MAG in December 2006 be modified slightly to decrease the funding by \$1.0 million for the I-10: Sarival to Verrado Way project and increase the funding by \$500,000 each for the L303: Bell Road Crossing and for the L303: Cactus and Waddell Road Crossing projects. This has determined that the \$1.0 million is not required to complete the I-10 project and the additional funding is needed for the L303 projects. There is no fiscal impact on the MAG Freeway Program. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the project change. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5F. MAG Commuter Rail Strategic Plan

Since February 2007, MAG has been working on a Commuter Rail Strategic Plan, which will establish a framework for implementing commuter rail service in Maricopa County and northern Pinal County. The MAG consultant provided project briefings to the Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee, and Regional Council in November and December 2007. On March 27, 2008, the Transportation Review Committee recommended to accept the

5D. Information and discussion.

5E. Recommend approval of the ADOT request to decrease the funding by \$1.0 million for the I-10: Sarival to Verrado Way project and increase the funding by \$500,000 each for the L303: Bell Road crossing and for the L303: Cactus and Waddell Road crossing projects.

5F. Recommendation to accept the Commuter Rail Strategic Plan as the guiding implementation framework for commuter rail, and for MAG to proceed with the first four implementation steps identified on page nine of the Executive Summary: 1) Ongoing Coordination; 2) Union Pacific Passenger Rail Coordination; 3) Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Coordination; and 4) Regional Transit Planning.

Commuter Rail Strategic Plan, and for MAG to proceed with the first four implementation steps identified on page nine of the Executive Summary: 1) Ongoing Coordination; 2) Union Pacific Passenger Rail Coordination; 3) Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Coordination; and 4) Regional Transit Planning. Please refer to the enclosed material.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*5G. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed amendment includes the addition of six Valley Metro Transportation Enhancement funded projects in fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010, and a new Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Noise Reduction Study project in FY 2008. In addition, an administrative modification is required for the repackaging of City of Tempe pedestrian and bicycle facility projects on College Avenue, and to increase funding for two ADOT projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by April 18, 2008. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5G. Consultation.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5H. Discussion and Update on the Draft FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year in April by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. This presentation and review of the draft FY 2009

5H. Information.

MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represent the budget document development to-date. There are two changes to the new project requests for FY 2009: An additional project has been added in the Transportation Division, Travel Demand Model-Pinal County Review, for \$80,000; the Environmental Air Quality Associate for \$80,000 has been removed from the new project list. The elements of the budget document are about 80 percent complete. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*51. Revision to the Social Services Block Grant Allocation Recommendations

On February 27, 2008, the MAG Regional Council approved the allocation recommendations for the locally planned Social Services Block Grant dollars be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES). On March 13, 2008, the MAG Human Services Technical Committee recommended approval of moving \$55,693 from the pregnant/parenting youth category to the basic needs category in the same target group. This revision will allow the agency that receives the funding, the City of Phoenix, to better utilize these funds while continuing to offer services to pregnant teens through other programs. The program that has historically received these funds has been eliminated. This revision will leave \$38,283 in the pregnant/parenting youth category for use by other agencies. The MAG Human Services Technical Committee recommended approval of the revision. Please refer to the enclosed material.

51. Recommend approval that the revised SSBG allocation recommendations for FY 2008-2009 to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Transportation Planning Update

For the past three years, MAG has been engaged with the regional planning organizations throughout Arizona to work collaboratively to address Arizona's growth and transportation issues. Concurrently, MAG has been working to

6. Information, discussion and input by the Management Committee.

address high growth areas in the MAG region with the Hassayampa Valley and Hidden Valley Framework studies. MAG has also initiated a Transit Framework Study and will be initiating an update of the Regional Transportation Plan. These studies along with a statewide Transportation Reconnaissance Study have laid the foundation for a statewide transportation planning effort by the Arizona Department of Transportation. A report on these activities will be provided to the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

7. Maricopa County Clean Air Initiative

On February 13, 2008, Maricopa County kicked off its new clean air initiative called Running Out of Air. Cleaning the air is this region's main focus. Maricopa County is committing to thirty-eight dust pollution prevention measures in the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 which was submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency. In addition to ramping up staff and increasing enforcement, Maricopa County is informing the public about dust pollution and asking all residents to do their part by making a clean air commitment.

7. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

8. Draft MAG 208 Small Plant Review and Approval for the Proposed Preserve at Goldfield Ranch Water Reclamation Facility

Maricopa County has requested that MAG review the proposed Preserve at Goldfield Ranch Water Reclamation Facility through the Small Plant Review and Approval Process of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. The proposed facility would have an ultimate capacity of 400,000 gallons per day and reclaimed water would be disposed of through reuse and recharge. The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community are within three miles of the project and both have expressed concern about the Draft Small Plant Review and

8. Recommend approval of the proposed Preserve at Goldfield Ranch Water Reclamation Facility as part of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan.

Approval for the proposed facility. On October 22, 2007, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee tabled the Draft Small Plant Review and Approval for 60 days to allow the applicant to work cooperatively with the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation to address the concerns raised by the Nation in its October 2, 2007 letter and to also work cooperatively with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. In addition, the Committee requested additional detail on the Preserve at Goldfield Ranch Water Reclamation Facility. On December 21, 2007, the Committee continued the Draft Small Plant Review and Approval for 90 days with a goal of encouraging the parties to begin their first meeting within 30 days. At the March 20, 2008 MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee meeting, presentations were given by the Preserve at Goldfield Ranch, the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, and the Salt River-Pima Maricopa Indian Community. Following approximately two and one-half hours of presentations and discussion, the Committee recommended approval of the Draft Small Plant Review and Approval for the proposed facility. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Possible Interim Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Management Committee to Fill the Unexpired Term (June 2008)

In May 2002, the Management Committee approved a process for electing the Chair and Vice Chair of the Management Committee. The process provided that the outgoing Chair of the Management Committee would be responsible for working with members to nominate a manager for the Vice Chair position and the current Vice Chair would be nominated for the position of Chair. On June 13, 2007, the Management Committee elected Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, as Chair and Charlie McClendon, Avondale, as Vice Chair. The Chair position is vacant and potentially the

9. Information, discussion and possible action.

10. Possible interim appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair to serve the remainder of the term to June 30, 2008.

Vice Chair position could become vacant pending the election of the Chair position. To fill this position(s) until June 2008, the interim appointment of the Chair and potentially the Vice Chair of the Management Committee is for consideration by the Management Committee. In June 2008, the Management Committee would then consider the officer positions for a two year term.

II. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

II. Information.